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INITIATIVE TO COMBAT NUCLEAR TERRORISM

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11. (U) On June 4 we contacted Amelia Siderova, in the MFA's Department of Security and Disarmament Affairs (DVBR), and asked her to clarify (REFTEL) Russia's position on the potential participation of the European Union in the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT). Siderova responded unequivocally that Russia's view remains unchanged from the agreement reached between U/S Joseph and Deputy Foreign Minister Kislyak in Ankara: the EU should be considered for observer status only after all 27 EU Member States have joined the GICNT.
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